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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Keizo INOUE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
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Application No.: 10/069,251) Examiner: Valerie E. BERTOGLIO
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Filed: June 6, 2002)
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For: ALPHA-TOCOPHEROL)
TRANSPORT PROTEIN)
KNOCKOUT ANIMAL)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now reply to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002 (Paper No. 8), the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 5, which reads "TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION" with the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please delete the heading at page 1, line 13, which reads "BACKGROUND ART".

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